



IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Manitowoc, Wisconsin
February 25, 2024

Welcome

Thanks for being here! We truly pray that today you find the warmth of our Christian hospitality, the powerful truth of God's Word and the peace-giving assurance of his promises. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. We hope you worship with us again!

If Immanuel Is New to You:

Relax. At Immanuel, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed for you here as well as displayed on our screens.

Bring the kids. Our congregation really loves and encourages the worshipping family! In fact, our worship will often include a children's message with little ones in mind. If your children are acting up, please know it's never a bother to our worship service. However, if you feel other worshipers could be distracted, parents who want to calm their restless child are invited to use our lobby area with screens so that you may continue your worship with us.

Restrooms are located in the lobby, just to the right of the elevator.

Make yourself at home. You don't have to rush off after the service today. Light refreshments are typically provided in our lobby after the 8:00 am service. If you are comfortable, feel free to follow up with one of our Pastors - we'd be honored if you would take the time to introduce yourself!

Don't feel obligated. Our members give financial offerings to the Lord as an expression of thanks and praise for his amazing love. Please know that you are our guests and we're simply happy you've come to hear about Jesus and his Word today. You're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

Cell phones. To remove as many distractions as possible from worshipping God today, we kindly ask that you silence your phone before the service.

Questions? If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, or have questions about our PreK thru 8th grade school, our pastors or principal would love to help. Feel free to contact them at any time (*their contact info is included on the announcement insert*). You may also browse the information counter in our lobby for magazines, brochures and devotional resources.



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Our Hope Is in Our Savior

10:30 AM Service – “Jesus Loves the Little Children” *(Imm Preschool – vs 1-3)*

God Will Never Forget His Love for You – Psalm 25

PASTOR: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

CONG: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; ⁵ guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

Song of Hope – “Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus” *(soloist - verse 1)*

Our Confession – Romans 3 & 7

No one can ever be made right in God’s sight by obeying his commands.

The more we learn of God’s law, the clearer it becomes that we aren’t obeying it.

I don’t understand myself. I really do want to do what is right, but I can’t bring myself to do it. Instead, my guilty conscience confirms I’m often doing the very things I hate.

God’s law is good, but I still can’t help myself, because it is sin inside me that makes me do these evil things.

I know that my sinful nature is evil through and through, and because of this, it seems like I can’t make myself do what is right. I want to, but I can’t.

When I want to do good, I don’t. And when I try NOT to do wrong, I do it anyway...

What a miserable person I am! Who will free me from a life so subject to sin?

Thank God! Jesus Christ is the One who has freed me!

Song of Hope – “Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus” (soloist - verse 2; all - refrain)

God’s Promise of Love – 2 Corinthians 5

Jesus died for everyone, so that we would no longer live for ourselves but for him who died for us and was raised again... Now, if anyone is in Christ, they are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come! My friends, because of Jesus’ innocent death God considers our old selves dead. Because of Jesus’ perfect life our new selves are alive.



**We are his loved children
and NOTHING can separate us from that love!**

Song of Hope – “Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus” (all – vs 3)

God’s Word – Mark 8:31-35

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man *must* suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he *must* be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have



in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple *must* deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

Our Profession of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song of Hope – “Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus”

(all – vs 4)

Message from God’s Word – Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

³Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ⁵And hope will not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

⁶For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. ⁸But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God’s wrath through him. ¹⁰For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. ¹¹And not only is this so, but we also

go on rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

Things I'd like to remember this week...

The Blessings of Lent Amaze Us

- 1. They are so abundant*
- 2. They are so undeserved*
- 3. They are guaranteed*

Offerings of Thanks

*"Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel.
Please accept now a gift from your servant." 2 Kings 5:15*



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Our Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Following Our Prayer we join to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

God's Word – 1 Peter 4:12-16

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

God's Blessing

Closing Song – "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

(CW 831:1-2)

Silent Prayer – *feel free to use this silent prayer of thanks*

Dear Jesus, thank you for carrying your cross for me. Without that single act of love, all would indeed be lost. But since you have loved me so, I want to carry my crosses too. I trust you to give me what I need and in a measure that will keep me close to you.

Amen.

Other personal prayers may be found on pages 255-258 in the front of your blue Hymnal.



Musician: Joel Putz

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Bowe